IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A database is provided. The database includes statistics of human associations of human voice parameters with emotions. A voice signal is received. At least one feature of this voice signal is extracted. This extracted voice feature is then compared to the voice parameters in the database. An emotion is selected from the database based on the comparison of the extracted voice feature to the voice parameters. Input from the user is received. This input includes a user-determined emotion. The user-determined emotion is compared with the emotion selected from the database. The selected emotion is output and a determination as to whether the user-determined emotion matches the emotion selected from the database is made. A prize is then awarded to the user if the user-determined emotion is determined to match the selected emotion from the database. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Amended) A method for [detecting] ascertaining an emotion in a voice by utilizing statistics comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing a database having statistics including statistics of human associations of voice parameters with emotions;

(b)   receiving a voice signal;

(c)   extracting at least one feature of the voice signal;

(d)   comparing the extracted voice feature to the voice parameters in the database;

(e)   selecting an emotion from the database based on the comparison of the extracted voice feature to the voice parameters; [and]

(f)   receiving an input from the user, wherein the input includes a user-determined emotion;

(g)   comparing the user-determined emotion with the emotion selected from the database;

[f](h)   outputting the selected emotion;

(i)   determining whether the user-determined emotion matches the emotion selected from the database; and

(j)   awarding a prize to the user if the user-determined emotion matches the selected emotion from the database.

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